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FPS ARRESTS MAN FOR THREATENING SOCIAL SECURITY EMPLOYEE *Agents seize rifle, ammo, drugs in suspect's home*

ANDERSON, Ind.—A Federal Protective Service (FPS) special agent arrested a Lapel man Tuesday who allegedly threatened a Social Security Administration employee.

Rick Slayton, 45, of Lapel, was criminally charged with intimidation May 3 in Madison County District Court. The crime carries potential penalties of six months to three years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

According to court documents, an employee in the Social Security Administration office in Anderson called Slayton Tuesday morning to discuss the late filing of an appeal. The telephone conversation ended abruptly when Slayton allegedly said to the employee, "Sweet. I'll just bring my shotgun in," and hung up.

An FPS special agent, with assistance from the Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Lapel Police Department and the Indiana State Police, arrested Slayton at his residence a short time later. Later that afternoon FPS and law enforcement officers returned with a search warrant and seized: a Mak-90 rifle, four loaded ammunition magazines, and a quantity of marijuana.

"It's important that public servants ensure and maintain integrity in our governmental systems," said Kenton D. Terrell, FPS director of the regional office in Chicago. "We won't tolerate anyone who attempts to make federal employees fearful of doing their jobs."

FPS, one of five programs within U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), protects and secures more than one million tenants and daily visitors at federal facilities nationwide. FPS has a workforce of 1,500 special agents, police officers, inspectors, and more than 10,000 contracted security personnel.

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